

Background and Goals

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**Best Practices in Workplace Surveillance
Workshop**

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Administrivia

- Workshop icebreaker
- Orientation to conference center
- Cell phones and pagers
- Workshop notebook
 - ◆ CD-ROM, Additional Handouts
 - ◆ Contacts
- Workshop business casual attire



Background

- Problems of illness and injury under-recognition and under-reporting
- Inadequate or non-existent denominator and economic data



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- Inadequate or non-existent data on special or vulnerable populations
- New strategies for small scale businesses, independent contractors, part-time and occasional labor



Stakeholders Advocated

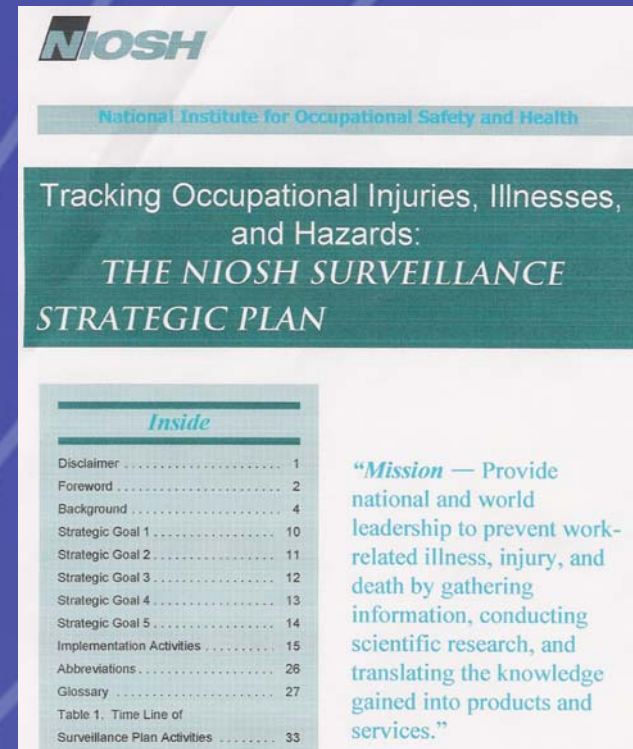
- Focus surveillance and surveillance research planning
 - ◆ The workplace
 - ◆ Workers
 - ◆ The day-to-day occupational health surveillance activities
- Enhance efforts to disseminate data and information



Tracking Occupational Injuries, Illnesses, and Hazards

NIOSH Surveillance Strategic Plan

- Federal surveillance activities
- State-based Surveillance activities
- Surveillance of High-risk Occupations, Industries, and Special populations
- Private Sector Surveillance Activities
- Increase research to improve occupational surveillance



Strategic Goal for Private Sector Surveillance

- Promote effective occupational safety and health surveillance conducted by
 - ◆ Employers
 - ◆ Unions
 - ◆ Other non-governmental organizations



Strategic Objectives for NIOSH Private Surveillance Activities

- Identify best practices for occupational surveillance
- Develop and evaluate surveillance methods
- Support the development of surveillance tools



Workshop Goals

- **Identify current practices for occupational surveillance**
- **Identify research needs, methods, and opportunities**



Workshop Goals

- Identify or promote new partnership opportunities
- Promote dialogue, discussion and information exchange



Workshop Structure

- Surveillance - State of the Art of Workplace Surveillance
- Workplace - Changing Nature of the Workforce, Work and Business Organizations
- Current practices – Breakout Session
- Session and NORA Partner Reports

